

King County Children & Youth Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Department of Community & Human Services 401 Fifth Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Members Present: Janis Avery, Rochelle Clayton Strunk, Leslie Dozono, Bridget O'Connor, Deborah Peterson, Jessica Werner, Mackenzie Chase, Ed Marcuse, MD, Trise Moore, Nathan Buck, Brian Saelens, Helena Stephens, Nancy Woodland, Sophie Theriault, Hye-Kyung Kang^p, Janet Levinger^p, Hikma Sherka^p, Terry Pottmeyer^p, Mark Pursley^p, Zamzam Abdulgani^p, Sarah Lytle^p

Members Not Present: Bobbi Bridge ^E, Tanya Kim ^E, Bill Boyce, Abigail Echo-Hawk^E, Janet Cady^E, Debbie Carlsen^E, Ben Danielson, Jesse Salomon, Joe Tradii, Lois Martin, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz

Staff Present: Julia Bobadilla-Melby, Kerry Wade **Guests:** Celia Jackson and Claudia Pineda-Reyes

6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - King County Elections, Renton, Alvine Room

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Co-Chair Nancy Woodland

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mackenzie Chase asked for support for Proposition 1 – Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy and left information for members.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER CYAB MEETING MINUTES: amendment to include Mackenzie Chase as being present by phone in September. M/S/P; Mackenzie Chase/Leslie Dozono /Passed unanimously

ICE BREAKER – Roses, buds and thorns: What proud success are you doing around children and youth?

OVERSIGHT/ADVISORY: Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention (ZYD) Update - Celia Jackson and Claudia Pineda-Reyes did a quick overview of the Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention and the executive's budget for ZYD. They then listened to members concerns and answered questions.

- Ensure that family support services for families is not at the bottom of the list.
- CYAB Juvenile Justice Ad Hoc Committee is concerned about expulsions/suspensions, addressed in number seven of the document, and asked if BSK is investing in community organizations around trauma-informed care where collaborations could happen.
- When the Roadmap addresses marginalized and intersecting identities, it is with immigration, refugee status, languages, LGBTQ, people with abilities, economic diversity in mind.
- The data referenced in point #7 should be provided to schools, with lessons learned and successes. Staff responded that schools, law enforcement, and their department are not in alignment right now but the county is hopeful that this will change.
- Where will the funding for ZYD work come from? Will be using funds from other department programs, and philanthropy.

Follow-up items: Get document on ZYD advocacy to the state legislature to the CYAB, as requested by Helena Stephens, to share with city municipalities who may be in the middle of making budgets; send out budget hearing dates to CYAB.

BOARD-INITIATED ACTION: Recommendations and Response to Roadmap to ZYD - CYAB Juvenile Justice Ad Hoc Committee shared their reactions to the ZYD Roadmap and solicited members comments and action for the ad hoc committee moving forward.

- Re-evaluate what has been done in three or six months from now to see what's been effective
- Doesn't seem that ZYD Roadmap took into consideration the Youth Action Plan which was approved by council. The Youth Action Plan has many recommendations on the topic.
- Should communicating with school boards on issues of expulsions be a high priority? Should the CYAB take on the role of contacting the school boards directly?



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- Should the CYAB submit an advisory statement to the King County Council and to districts in the county?
- Invite some school superintendents or school board members to be a part of this discussion.

BOARD BUSINESS: Draft Changes to bylaws on Co-Chairs and Elections – Nancy Woodland presented proposed draft changes to the bylaws regarding the chairs/co-chair positions, terms, duties, and elections. Board members held a discussion and provided some initial feedback and suggestions:

- Suggestion there should be independent elections
- Concerns were expressed around power dynamics in a first co-chair/second co-chair system (e.g. first co-chair may think they have seniority).
- Member likes that this requires two co-chairs with shared responsibility.
- Need to determine if the discussion is from the assumption the CYAB co-chairs with staggered terms, co-chairs as they are now, or a chair and chair-elect system. No official motion was made.
- Mentorship, coaching, and supplemental skills--both chairs should be able to decide what skills they
 want to grow as co-chairs and what roles they should assume
- If possible, include preferred race as a factor.
- Power dynamics can happen with women of color and youth.
- The next edition will include the assumption of two board co-chairs serving staggered terms.
- Co-chair will make the following edits:
 - 1. Take out terms 1st chair, 2nd chair
 - 2. Insert: "2 co-chairs with staggered terms."
 - 3. Will look at terms of board members to have terms with dates and duties.
- Election process will be in a separate document from the bylaws.

Follow-up items: CYAB members will send edits and choices via email to the co-chair for consideration in updated version.

BOARD BUSINESS: The Breaking-Down-Silos Committee convened today prior to the CYAB meeting. The committee will provide an update at the next CYAB monthly meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS: Approval of new CYAB Committee for Youth – Hikma Sherka presented a proposal to create a Youth Committee of the CYAB. Reasons for this proposal are: youth members do not necessarily have the background on certain issues; the mentor approach has not been working; young people on the board would like time to debrief and be briefed; current situation is not welcoming to youth participation. The committee would have a chair that would sit on the Executive Committee/Team. After Hikma presented, CYAB members discussed the proposal.

- Other members of the board have similar questions and will miss the young people's boldness in having these questions clarified and addressed at meetings
- If board wants youth participation, then adult members need to step up as none have.
- Hikma did research on other states to see what they're doing with youth and found many were looking to the CYAB for modeling
- Adult member asked if there is a way to coach other members of the board
- Purpose is to create a safe space for youth leaders on the board



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MOTION: Create a CYAB standing committee for youth members. M/S/P; Brian Saelens/ Jessica Warner/Passed unanimously

BOARD BUSINESS: Nancy Woodland, Brian Saelens reminded CYAB about training on creating a safe space for board member conversations. The plan for BSK support staff to look into Color Brave Space training and propose that process observer training be included.

BOARD BUSINESS: Things you need to know - Kerry Wade

• CYAB Recruitment has begun, will redo the application soon and send email to CYAB so members can send to their connections or anyone who is interested in serving. There will likely be 8 open positons.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28pm.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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